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GROWTH RATE IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had decided to achieve more than 4 per cent growth rate in the agriculture sector every year in the National Agriculture Policy announced in July,2000; and

(b) if so, the area of land reclaimed and the per year growth in the agriculture production registered since July,2000 till date, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The National Agriculture Policy announced in July, 2000 envisages achievement ofover 4 per cent growth in the agricultural sector.

(b): Reclamation of land for cultivation gets reflected in the increase in the area of cultivated land consisting of net sown area and current fallow land. According to the latest Land Use Statistics compiled by the Ministry of Agriculture at the national level, the cultivated area has increased from 129 million hectares in 1950-51 to 156 million hectares in 1999- 2000. However, there was no increase in cultivated area in the 1990`s. Therefore, due to the limitation on the further expansion of land for cultivation, agricultural growth depends mainly on measures aimed at raising the productivity of land.

The State-wise growth in agricultural production measured in terms of contribution ofagriculture to State Domestic Product at1993-94 prices for the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given in the Annex.

Annexure

Growth rate of Contribution of Agriculture to State Domestic Product at 1993-94 prices

State	1999-2000	2000-01
Andhra Pradesh	(-)7.0	13.6
Arunachal Pr	6.6	8.8
Assam	(-)0.1	(-)2.5
Bihar	(-)7.6	0.9
Jharkhand	2.7	N.A
Goa	12.5	(-)10.7
Gujarat	(-)31.5	(-)13.8
Haryana	5.0	1.5
Himachal Pr	(-)7.7	12.9
J & Kashmir	4.9	(-)0.9
Karnataka	15.0	2.5
Kerala	1.7	1.8
Madhya Pradesh	6.8	(-)32.4
Chattishgarh	(-)6.4	N.A
Maharashtra	1.8	(-)13.5
Manipur	0.4	3.8
Meghalaya	15.8	(-)4.8
Mizorom	N.A	N.A
Nagaland	13.7	N.A
Orissa	(-)8.8	(-)6.8
Punjab	7.0	2.0
Rajasthan	(-)13.1	(-)9.7
Sikkim	18.4	N.A
Tamilnadu	(-)5.1	2.3
Tripura	3.4	2.9
Uttar Pradesh	9.1	(-)1.9
Uttaranchal	N.A	N.A
West Bengal	1.6	(-)2.2

N.A : Not Available
Source : Central Statistical Organisation